Campus Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 1, 2005  
1:30-3:00 p.m. ~ 302 USB  
[Approved]

Members Present: Gregg Oden, Amos Hill, Marcelo Mena, Jim Walters

Others Present: Don Guckert, Rod Lehnertz, Larry Wilson, Shawn Albaugh Kleppe, Patricia Cain, David Ricketts, Steve Fleagle, Mike Meister, Jean Walker

Call to Order: Chair Oden called the meeting to order.

Action Item(s)

Temporary Cell Phone Antenna Locations
Meister presented a proposal by Telecommunications and Network Services (TNS) to place two temporary portable antennas in two locations on campus for 6-8 months while TNS and vendors work on other possible solutions to better service the university community. These antennas would increase both phone and data service. The committee questioned the visual intrusion and questioned the potential benefit for the campus. Members of the CPC endorsed the temporary location of two portable antennas on campus asking that Facilities Management work with TNS to make specific arrangements on placement and especially the aesthetics.

Information Item(s)

Botany Greenhouse Parking Lot
The Land Use Subcommittee asked at its last meeting that a preliminary design be done for the proposed Botany Building Parking lot and that it be brought back for review before any recommendations were to be made. Bob Brooks and John Staley presented the design most accepted by all parties involved. The lot is designed to accommodate 32 parking spaces to be used by UIHC Valet Parking only. Grading of this site will allow the lot to drain into the existing road and site grading will not require a retaining wall. Screening of the lot will be done by installing black vinyl fencing interwoven in plantings to create a barrier between the parking lot and the open space used by the Speech and Hearing Center. A sidewalk will be constructed further south to more directly connect the ADA entryway at the Speech and Hearing Center and the bus loading/unloading area. The Subcommittee endorsed the request and recommends that the design be reviewed by the Design Review Subcommittee.

Old Capitol Mall
The University has acquired space in the Old Capitol Mall previously leased by Younkers. The first floor will be occupied by International Programs and English as a Second Language. The second floor will be occupied by the UIHC. Gary Nagle provided schematic design of the north and west facades showing the windows which will allow maximum lighting, as well as the redesigned entryway located on the west side. The “front door” will be accessed inside the mall. Items discussed included decommissioning the Younkers elevator and ADA escalators access, the proposed façades, and the elimination of the arched entryways.

The Design Review Subcommittee recommended that the design of the facade be reconsidered by retaining the arch design and travertine finish over the previous entryway and by incorporating additional windows in conjunction with the entryways.

Before the recommendation could be addressed, construction by the Mall owners began on the façade citing that the City of Iowa City requires sidewalks be clear of construction before the students return. Facilities
Management will work with the Mall owners and their architect to address aesthetic concerns as construction continues.

**Building & Landscape Services Director Search Update**

Lehnertz updated the Campus Planning Committee on the status of the search for the Director of Building & Landscape Services. The search had been narrowed to one individual, but recruitment efforts failed. The search committee will reevaluate the current file of applicants and may consider readvertising.

**Iowa City Digital Tour of Burlington Street**

Wilson presented a digital tour of Burlington Street which was produced by Urban & Regional Planning students depicting the future development of the downtown Burlington Street corridor.

**CPC Subcommittee Reports:**

**Campus Environment Subcommittee**

- **Permanent Herky Locations on Campus**
  The item of permanent placement of 3 Herkys on campus for which requests were taken to the Art on Campus Committee (ACC) was raised. Discussion followed of the ACC’s approval of the requests, the placement of the 4th Herky at the Levitt Center, and the suggestion of creating a policy for permanent/temporary place of these and similar items.

- **Campus Sign System Update**
  Wilson provided an update of the efforts underway to give the campus signage a comprehensive look, as well as define the campus entrance points and efforts to unify these transition points by means other than signage, i.e. landscape. A consulting firm will be hired to assist in this project.

- **Madison & Main Library Bus Stop Improvements**
  Lehnertz reported that the bus stop on Madison in front of the main library is being considered for redesign. The designs will be reviewed by the Campus Environment and Design Review subcommittees.

**Design Review Subcommittee**

- **Campus Recreation Center Update**
  Lehnertz provided an update on the Campus Recreation Center project. Programming is done and they are now engaged in the early phase of schematic design. The design team has expressed concern about fitting all requested programs in a facility that occupies only the originally defined area. The design team is being asked for a vertical solution instead of requesting additional space. All potential solutions will be evaluated for cost effectiveness. If additional space is required, the design team will come back to the Land Use Subcommittee with proposals for either additional space at the current site or evaluation of another site.

**Land Use Subcommittee**

- **Grand Avenue Roundabout**
  Due to time, the Grand Avenue Roundabout was postponed until the next meeting.

- **East Campus Chilled Water Plant**
  Placement of the the East Campus Chilled Water Plant is now being considered in a soon to be available space in the Power Plant.

- **Boathouse**
Lehnertz reported that Athletics has identified a boathouse as their top priority for future program facilities. Sites have not yet been studied, but he wanted to bring this to the attention of the Campus Planning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.